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DIRECTORS, PARIS, 21 JULY, 1976

THE FOLLOWING IS A MESSAGE FROM DR. CURRIE (DDRE):

1. BEGIN SUMMARY: THIS MESSAGE REPORTS EFFORTS TO
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ADVANCE COOPERATION AND STANDARDIZATION IN THE AREA OF
WEAPONS DEVELOPMENT. ARMAMENTS DIRECTORS AGREED TO
SUPPORT 105MM TANK GUN IMPROVED AMMUNITION AND EARLY
ADOPTION OF 120MM GUN; TO COORDINATE STUDIES ON NEXT
GENERATION SAM'S; TO CONSIDER ADOPTING JTIDS

ARCHITECTURE WITH ALLIED PARTICIPATION IN DEVELOPMENTS; TO CONDUCT A STOCK-TAKING OF GUN CALIBERS WITH A VIEW TO ACTION IN CNAD OR MAS TO IMPROVE STANDARDIZATION; TO SPEED UP WORK IN CNAD IFF STUDY GROUP AND DEVELOP BASIS FOR DECISIONS; TO EXCHANGE DATA ON MUNITIONS SAFETY STANDARDS AND SEEK COMPATIBILITY; TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER US OFFER TO PERMIT COPRODUCTION OF COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY EQUIPMENT AND TO PRESS FOR ADEQUATE COMMUNICATIONS INTERFACE EQUIPMENT; TO ENFORCE IMPLEMENTATION OF STANAGS AND PROVIDE PERIODIC STATUS REPORTS; AND TO RECOMMEND TO THEIR GOVERNMENTS THAT THE AD HOC GROUP ON INTEROPERABILITY BE EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER YEAR.

ADDRESSEES ARE CAUTIONED THAT THESE MEETINGS HAVE NO FORMAL STATUS IN NATO, BUT ARE IMPORTANT IN RESOLVING IMPASSES AND SPEEDING WORK IN NATO FORA. NO REFERENCE SHOULD BE MADE TO THESE MEETINGS IN PRESENCE OF NON-PARTICIPATING ALLIES. END SUMMARY.

2. TANK GUN. DR. CURRIE (DD R AND E) STATED U.S. POSITION THAT, WHILE ALL FOUR COUNTRIES ARE CONSIDERING A 120MM GUN FOR THE 1980'S, THE IMPROVED 105MM GUN AMMUNITION FULLY MEETS THE CURRENT THREAT AND SHOULD BE ADOPTED FOR THE MANY 105MM GUNS WHICH WILL NOT PHASE OUT UNTIL AS LATE AS 1990. DELPECH (FRANCE) AGREED AND SAID FRANCE WAS IN PROCESS OF ADOPTING U.S. IMPROVED AMMUNITION; THERE IS AGREEMENT ON 120MM FOR THE FUTURE BUT QUESTION WAS WHETHER IT SHOULD BE RIFLED OR SMOOTH BORE. FRRE#A FRANCE HAVE NOW AGREED ON INTER-OPERABLE 120MM AMMUNITION; AND FRANCE NOW BELIEVES THREAT IS INCREASING FASTER THAN EXPECTED AND 120MM GUN WILL BE NEEDED IN NEAR FUTURE. EBERHARDT (FRG) SAID HE COULD NOT AGREE THAT 105MM IMPROVED AMMUNITION FULLY MEETS CURRENT THREAT. CURRIE SAID U.S. WOULD ADOPT STANDARD 120MM GUN AND AMMUNITION IF FRANCE, FRG AND UK COULD AGREE ON WHICH GUN OR AMMUNITION SHOULD BE THE STANDARD.

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3. SURFACE-TO-AIR MISSILES. TWO BILATERAL STUDY EFFORTS ARE IN PROGRESS ON NEXT GENERATION SAM'S. FRANCE AND THE UK HAVE ONE AND THE U.S. AND FRG HAVE ANOTHER. MEANWHILE THE CNAD TRI-SERVICE GROUP (AC280) IS CONSIDERING THE SAME PROBLEM. PRINCIPALS AGREED TO COORDINATE STUDIES AND PROVIDE RESULTS TO TRI-SERVICE GROUP. U.S. PROPOSED A SCHEDULE CALLING FOR AN EXCHANGE OF WORKING PAPERS IN THE FALL. FRG REP PROVIDED A STATUS REPORT ON THE FRG-U.S. BILATERAL STUDY WHICH IS ANALYZING THREE ALTERNATIVES: REPLACING NIKE WITH SAM D; REPLACING NIKE AND HAWK WITH SAM D; MODIFYING PRESENT SAM D DESIGN TO IMPROVE COST EFFECTIVENESS. US-FRG ARE STUDYING LONGER RANGE, MORE COSTLY OPTIONS THAN THE UK-FRANCE. ALL AGREED THAT THE TWO STUDIES TAKEN

TOGETHER SHOULD PROVIDE GOOD BASIS FOR
INFORMED DECISIONS.

4. JTIDS. CURRIE URGED EXTREME IMPORTANCE OF ADOPTING
COMMON JTIDS ARCHITECTURE THAT COULD BE UNIFYING FACTOR
IN NATO FOR SEVERAL DECADES. JTIDS-TYPE SYSTEMS WOULD
PROVIDE COMMON DATA TRANSMISSION FOR ALL SERVICES IN THE
ALLIANCE. U.S. HAS OFFERED TO PROVIDE JTIDS FOR EURO-
PEAN COPRODUCTION. QUESTION OF FREQUENCY INTERFERENCE
REMAINS. U.S. HAS RUN TESTS IN THE U.S. WHICH HAVE
PROVEN THAT THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT INTERFERENCE BETWEEN
JTIDS AND TACAN AIR NAVIGATION TRANSMITTERS. HOWEVER,
THERE NOW MUST BE FORMAL TESTING IN CONJUNCTION WITH
FEDERAL AVIATION AUTHORITIES WHICH WILL BE COMPLETE IN
APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS. FULL EUROPEAN PARTICIPATION
IS INVITED IN TESTS. U.S. WILL HOLD MEETING IN SEP-
TEMBER TO ANSWER ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS. FRG AND UK
INDICATED THAT THEIR REPRESENTATIVES HAVE HAD QUESTIONS
ANSWERED IN THE PAST BUT WOULD LIKE A FORMAL U.S.
PROPOSAL IN WRITING AT SEPTEMBER MEETING. CURRIE AGREED
TO PROVIDE SUCH A PROPOSAL AT THAT TIME.

EBERHARDT SAID THAT THE FRG FEELS THAT STC SHOULD
MAKE A COMPARISON BETWEEN JTIDS AND MACS. CURRIE SAID
JTIDS ASSETS ARE TOTALLY COMMITTED DURING NEXT SEVERAL
MONTHS AND QUESTIONED DESIRABILITY/NEED FOR SUCH TESTS.
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THEREFORE DECISION SHOULD REST ON ESSENTIAL NEED FOR
COMMON ARCHITECTURE RATHER THAN ON COMPETITIVE TESTS.
U.S. HAS A SYSTEM WHICH WILL WORK; THEREFORE ALLIES
SHOULD CONSIDER ADOPTING JTIDS ARCHITECTURE. THERE IS
PLENTY OF ROOM FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS THAT ARE
DIFFERENT BUT COMPATIBLE. U.S. OFFERED AT LAST CNAD
COPRODUCTION OF U.S. EQUIPMENT ON FAVORABLE TERMS. OTHER
TERMINALS FOR FIGHTER AIRCRAFT, NAVAL VESSELS
AND ARMY MANPACKS WILL HAVE TO BE DEVELOPED IN FUTURE
YEARS. ALL ALLIES COULD PARTICIPATE IN THESE FUTURE
DEVELOPMENTS. UK AND FRANCE WELCOMED U.S. PROPOSITION.
FRG STILL HAS RESERVATIONS BASED ON FACT THAT THEY ARE
WORKING ON MACS WHICH IS NOT COMPATIBLE, BUT MACS IS NOT
AS FAR ALONG AS JTIDS. ALL AGREED THAT SPECIAL AWACS
MEETING MIGHT BE NEEDED IN NOVEMBER BEFORE MINISTERIAL
TO FORMULATE FINAL PROPOSALS.

5. STANDARDIZATION OF GUNS AND AMMUNITION. EBERHARDT
SAID THAT THERE COULD BE A NEED FOR A FOUR POWER'S
WORKING GROUP TO STUDY EARLIER U.S. PROPOSAL FOR
STANDARDIZATION OF GUN AMMUNITION ON 5MM
INCREMENTS. WORK IN ARMY ARMAMENTS GROUP NEEDS
ASSISTANCE AND DOES NOT COVER GUNS OF OTHER SERVICES.
ALL AGREED THAT A FOUR POWER STOCK-TAKING IN THIS AREA

COULD HELP DETERMINE NECESSARY FUTURE ACTIONS. DEPUTIES WERE CHARGED WITH REPORTING BEFORE THE NEXT CNAD MEETING.

6. IFF. CORNFORD AND CURRIE ARGUED THAT CNAD WORK WAS NOT PROGRESSING BECAUSE OF SOME NOT CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD FRG RESISTANCE. EBERHARDT SAID FRG REPRESENTATIVE IS SO FRUSTRATED THAT HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT TO SAY AND THAT IFF STUDY GROUP SHOULD STOP ARGUING OVER TERMS OF REFERENCE AND PROCEED WITH WORK. FRG CONCERN WAS THAT OTHER ALLIES IN STUDY GROUP WERE SEEKING FUNDING FOR SPECIAL STUDIES OR DEVELOPMENT WHICH FRG DID NOT WISH TO AUTHORIZE AT THIS TIME. U.S., FRANCE AND UK AGREED THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO FUNDING FOR TECHNICAL WORK IN THIS SURVEY STUDY WHICH IS ONLY DESIGNED TO PROVIDE AN INITIAL BASE FOR FURTHER DECISIONS. WITH THIS UNDERSTANDING ALL AGREED TO GET ON WITH THE WORK OF THIS GROUP.

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7. AIRCRAFT LANDING SYSTEMS. EBERHARDT RAISED QUESTION OF COMPATIBILITY BETWEEN CIVIL AND MILITARY DECISIONS ON NEW LANDING SYSTEMS. ALL AGREED TO LOOK INTO PROBLEM AND TO SEEK A COMMON SOLUTION.

8. NAVSTAR. CURRIE DISTRIBUTED THE DOD POLICY ON NAVSTAR AND EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF ALLIED PARTICIPATION AT PROPER POINT.

9. COMMON WEAPON SAFETY STANDARDS. ALL AGREED THAT STANDARDS SHOULD BE EXCHANGED AND STUDIED TO DETERMINE HOW THEY COULD BE MADE COMPATIBLE. DEPUTIES WERE CHARGED WITH FOLLOWING UP.

10. INTEROPERABILITY OF TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS

NATO ASYG LABERGE PARTICIPATED IN INTEROPERABILITY PORTIONS OF THE MEETING. CURRIE DELIVERED A PREPARED STATEMENT EMPHASIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF INTEROPERABLE TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS AND ESPECIALLY THE NEED FOR COMPATIBLE SECURE VOICE EQUIPMENT. HE OFFERED TO LET THE ALLIES CO-PRODUCE COMPONENTS OF THE TENLEY AND VINSON SECURE VOICE SYSTEMS WITH NO R AND D CHANGES. DELPECH SAID THE US PROPOSAL WAS INTERESTING AND IN LINE WITH SPIRIT OF THE ALLIANCE. DELPECH AND CORNFORD SAID EACH ALLY WOULD MAKE AVAILABLE ITS TACTICAL COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS TO ALLIES BUT NONE WOULD THROW OUT THEIR OWN SYSTEM, THEREFORE INTERFACE BOXES MUST BE THE SOLUTION. CURRIE SAID THAT EVEN WITH INTERFACE BOXES YOU COULD NOT COMMUNICATE WITHOUT COMPATIBLE SECURE VOICE.

LABERGE SAID CNAD SHOULD ATTEMPT TO FIND OUT IF

THERE IS ANY WAY TO GET TOGETHER AND BUILD A COMMON SYSTEM WITH EQUITABLE INDUSTRIAL SHARING. CURRENT INTERFACE BOX SOLUTION INVOLVES LINK-TO-LINK ENCRYPTION. EACH COMMUNICATION MUST BE DECODED AND REENCRYPTED AT EACH CONNECTING POINT. THE WAR COULD BE OVER BEFORE THE MESSAGE WAS DELIVERED. CURRIE PROPOSAL COULD SOLVE THIS PROBLEM.

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UK REP (MACLIN) SAID ALLIES MUST PROVIDE INTERFACE BOXES IN PROPER NUMBERS AND MUST WORK ON COMPATIBLE ARCHITECTURE FOR FUTURE GENERATION SYSTEMS. EUROCOM HAS REACHED BASIC AGREEMENTS ON THESE FUTURE PARAMETERS AND IS NOW WORKING WITH US TO REACH COMMON AGREEMENT. DR. CURRIE'S PROPOSAL FOR SECURE VOICE CO-PRODUCTION COULD PROVE AN IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD IN LETTING ALLIES COMMUNICATE SECURELY THROUGH INTERFACE BOXES. UK AND US ARE ALREADY WELL ALONG TOWARD COMPATIBILITY AND OTHERS SHOULD CONSIDER THIS OFFER.

EBERHARDT SAID THESE ISSUES HAVE BEEN DISCUSSED FOR YEARS, BUT NEVER WITH ANY CHANCE OF MINISTERIAL SUPPORT. TODAY WE HAVE THE BEST CHANCE FOR POLITICAL SUPPORT, AND WE MUST SUCCEED NOW OR QUIT TRYING. WE MUST NOW GIVE ORDERS THAT EACH NATION PROVIDE THE NECESSARY INTERFACE BOXES. AD HOC GROUP MUST BRING THIS HOME TO MINISTERS. CURRIE AGREED THAT ALLIES MUST ALLOCATE RESOURCES TO PROVIDE INTERFACE BOXES AS AN IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD, BUT THEY ALSO MUST HAVE COMPATIBLE SECURE VOICE AND SHOULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER US PROPOSAL ALONG WITH OTHER PROPOSALS. CURRIE SAID HE WOULD INTRODUCE PROPOSAL INTO WORKING GROUP AND OTHER NATO FORA. CORNFORD SAID ALLIES SHOULD LOOK VERY CAREFULLY AT WHAT THE US PROPOSED. DELPECH SAID HIS REACTION WAS FAVORABLE, BUT WOULD LIKE DETAILED PROPOSAL FOR STUDY. CURRIE AGREED TO PROVIDE.

11. INTEROPERABILITY OF COMBAT AIRCRAFT

FRENCH REP REPORTED THAT WORKING GROUP HAS DIFFICULT PROBLEMS WITH AIR-TO-AIR MISSILES AND NEW GUIDANCE METHODS SUCH AS LASER SYSTEMS WHICH ARE TAILORED TO PARTICULAR AIRCRAFT. CORNFORD SAID THAT THE ONLY WAY AROUND THAT TYPE OF DIFFICULTY WAS TO DO MORE WORK IN CNAD SO THAT INTEROPERABILITY COULD BE PROVIDED IN DEVELOPMENT PHASE. CURRIE AGREED AND SAID US AIR FORCE WAS ALREADY WORKING TO MAKE NEW GUIDANCE SYSTEMS COMPATIBLE WITH EUROPEAN AIRCRAFT, BUT IN SECRET

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MEANTIME AD HOC WORKING GROUP SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON PRACTICAL STEPS THAT COULD PROVIDE AT LEAST A DEGREE OF INTEROPERABILITY AT AN EARLY DATE. LABERGE REPORTED THAT THE WORKING GROUP REJECTED THE PROPOSAL THAT ALLIES AGREE ON COMMON PIN CONNECTORS, VOLTAGES, ETC. ON GROUNDS THAT EACH COUNTRY HAD ITS OWN WAY OF DOING THINGS. ALL AGREED TO RECONSIDER THESE PROPOSALS.

12. INTEROPERABILITY OF AIRCRAFT FUELS

FRENCH REP REPORTED NO PROBLEM WITH ARMY OR NAVY FUELS. ON AIRCRAFT FUELS, HOWEVER, AIRCRAFT MUST BE MODIFIED TO USE F-34 CIVIL JET FUEL AND THE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM IS THE F-16 AND ITS F-100 ENGINE WHICH WERE DESIGNED FOR F-40 FUEL. CURRIE REPORTED THAT THE US AIR FORCE HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO CONDUCT THE NECESSARY STUDIES AND EXPERIMENTS TO DETERMINE WHAT MUST BE DONE TO THE F-100 ENGINE TO PERMIT IT TO USE F-34 FUEL.

13. IMPLEMENTATION OF STANAGS

LABERGE SAID NATO MUST REMOVE THE NO-RETROFIT CLAUSE WHICH ENCOURAGES NATIONS TO DO NOTHING. UK ARGUED THAT THERE MUST BE SOME PROVISION FOR NATIONS TO REPORT IMPLEMENTATION. EBERHARDT SAID IT IS EASY TO INSURE IMPLEMENTATION OF STANAGS. FRG HAS ORDERED THAT ALL STANAGS APPROVED BY FRG MUST BE IMPLEMENTED, AND THEY ARE NOW IMPLEMENTED. HE SAID ALLIES CAN ALSO BRING TO EACH OTHER'S ATTENTION ANY CASE IN WHICH THEY BELIEVE A STANAG HAS NOT BEEN IMPLEMENTED. CURRIE ASKED FOR A REPORT TO MINISTERS ONCE A YEAR ON STATUS OF COMPLIANCE. ALL AGREED.

14. FUTURE OF NAC AD HOC GROUP ON INTEROPERABILITY

DELPECH SAID THAT WHILE DEPUTIES HAD RECOMMENDED THAT AD HOC GROUP SHOULD TERMINATE BECAUSE OF DUPLICATION WITH CNAD, HE FELT THAT THERE WAS ENOUGH IMPORTANT WORK TO BE DONE THAT WOULD NOT INVOLVE DUPLICATION AND THAT GROUP SHOULD BE EXTENDED FOR AT LEAST A YEAR. CORNFORD SAID THE UK WAS FLEXIBLE ON
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THE AD HOC GROUP, BUT WANTED TO BE SURE IT AVOIDED DUPLICATION OF OTHER WORK. CURRIE AGREED SAYING THAT AD HOC GROUP COULD PLAY A VALUABLE ROLE IN FOCUSSED ON SELECTED PROBLEM AREAS. EBERHARDT SAID HE HAD SOME DOUBTS. AD HOC GROUP'S VALUE STEMS FROM POLITICAL VISIBILITY, BUT IT HAS LITTLE TECHNICAL CAPABILITY SINCE IT IS COMPOSED OF MEMBERS OF NATO MISSIONS. STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO PROVIDE GROUP WITH GREATER

TECHNICAL COMPETENCE. FRG PREFERS THAT NEW TASKS BE HANDLED BY CNAD WITH REPORTS TO MINISTERS. POLITICAL WILL CAN BE GENERATED IN CNAD IF DESIRED.

LABERGE SAID AD HOC COMMITTEE IS SOLVING A SERIES OF PROBLEMS THAT ARE SUFFICIENTLY DIFFICULT THAT THEY CANNOT BE SOLVED BY ANYONE ELSE. BUT IT CANNOT TAKE REPORTS AND CHANGE THEM BECAUSE IT DOES NOT HAVE EXPERTISE TO OVERRULE. ALLIANCE NEEDS A STILL BETTER MECHANISM. US REP (M/G BOWMAN) POINTED OUT THAT MEMBERS OF AD HOC GROUP ALL ACT ON GUIDANCE FROM CAPITALS. TECHNICAL AS WELL AS POLITICAL EXPERTS MUST CAREFULLY REVIEW REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS AND PROVIDE SUITABLE GUIDANCE TO AD HOC GROUP. ARMAMENT DIRECTORS SHOULD PLAY PRIMARY ROLE. LABERGE ENDORSED CONTINUATION OF AD HOC GROUP BUT ALSO ASKED FOR MORE USE OF REGULAR CNAD GROUPS.

EBERHARDT AGREED THAT CNAD HAS HAD FEW RESULTS ON INTEROPERABILITY AND THEREFORE AD HOC GROUP SHOULD CONTINUE AS LONG AS IT IS MAKING PROGRESS. DELPECH SAID EFFECTIVENESS OF NATO FORCES MUST IMPROVE RAPIDLY AND INCREASED INTEROPERABILITY IS AN IMPORTANT WAY TO CONTRIBUTE TO THAT END. AD HOC GROUP SHOULD CONTINUE AT LEAST THROUGH 1977. ALL AGREED TO LOOK CLOSELY AT PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE WORK FOR THE AD HOC GROUP AND TO INSURE THAT CNAD IS GEARED TO TAKE ON TASKS THAT IT SHOULD PROPERLY DEAL WITH.

DELPECH CLOSED THE MEETING BY NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THAT ALL THOSE PRESENT PLACED GREAT IMPORTANCE ON ACHIEVING ALLIANCE INTEROPERABILITY.

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